



Apr 2nd 1852.

William A Goodrich
memorandum book
Town of Fulton, Rock
Co, State of Wisconsin
Friday Apr 2nd started
for Oregon, put up
five miles west of Jonesville
at Monroe. 16 miles travel

Apr 8 Saturday, traveled 11 miles
camped, two o'clock at
spring valley, corner,
crossed through the
night, crossed very
rolling prairie. Some
sloughs, very little timber.

Apr 4 Traveled 18 miles north
openings, some small
prairie. Crossed sugar
river, a stream 6 rods
wide. Passed through
Decatur, one mile

Met of sugar river, about
40 dwellings, 2 towns,
one or two stores, passed
through some dense
thickets of oak, popple
and hazel, &c. Wind in
east and cloudy all
day.

Apr 5 Crossed high rolling
prairie until passing
Mouros, heavy timber
then for eight miles
Camped 5 miles west of
Mouros, Wind in N. E.
Cleared off at night.

Apr 6 Traveled 12 miles over
a rather miserable
country. Camped 3
miles east of Ngota
creek, at 2 1/2. Clear and warm.
Wind S. W. light.

Apr 7 Decamped 8, 45 oc, traveled
through Ngota, camped
at 12 oc 5 1/2 miles.
This is in the mineral
country, good soil,
groves, streams, hard
wheeling, cloudy, warm
to speak of.

Camped on a field that
was broken in 1826, and
harvested in 1828, under
guard of 80 soldiers to
keep off Black Hawk.

Put up ^{at} Apr Barnes 4 1/4 miles west
of Ngota river.

Apr 8 Decamped at 8, 45 oc, traveled
15 miles, forded Cherry creek,
then 1/2 miles from camp,
thence through Darlington
6 1/4 miles, thence one mile
to the center of Lafayette Co
thence 4 miles N. to camp

Apr 9. Decamped 7.30 a.m.
traveled three miles to
high-house tavern, then
to Elk Grove tavern seven or
thence west to camp.
8.30 a.m. passed the Platt
mountain, three miles off.
Arrived in S.C.

Apr 10. Seventh day lay in camp
all day snowed and rained
pretty much all day.

Apr 11. Decamped at 9 a.m.
traveled 16 m. to eagle point
the upper ferry Dubuque
on shore of the Mississippi
Is very bluff and rocky
and the country rocky
the river full of islands
Passed circumnavigated
about five miles from
the river.

Apr 12. Crossed the Mississippi
soon afternoon, went through
Dubuque, quite a small
place, camped three miles
west of Dubuque on
catfish creek.

Apr 13. Traveled 8 miles in
a tremendous heavy
road most of the way.
Camped at two o'clock.
Land very rough for
several miles before
the Mississippi. Stopped
in the town of Pittsford.

Apr 14. Decamped at 8 a.m. traveled
16 miles, passed through
Cascade village, reached
2 m. west of Grand of
Moose river.

Apr 15. 2nd West of Waukegan
Decamped at 10^{am}
10^{min} traveled 18^{mi} crossed
the South branch of the
Macocatz, camped 6^{mi}
West on the road to
Cedar Rapids and
Iowa City.

Apr 16 Lay in camp all day.
rained all day
several teams passed

Apr 17 Decamped at 10^{am}
traveled 12^{mi} to Deer
Wetone, passed through
Animo, on Wapishinica
crossed the river 4^{mi} on
passed through. Tawone
(they have great names
for small places out here)
from Wapishinica west it is
a pretty fair country for
two miles & Wapishinica

Wapishinica it is a
considerable country and
sparsely settled by Ojibwa
people.

Apr 18. Decamped at 8^{am}
traveled six miles to Colouts
Cutters & nice grass and
a small stream 1¹/₂ miles
to Big creek, thence 5¹/₂^{mi}
thence west 8^{mi} crossed a
sloughy prairie to Marion
a small little town, in
the country east of Laramie
Co. 12¹/₂^{mi} in all, then
retreated off the road
2¹/₂^{mi} to a camping ground
to lay over for grass to grow
at Martins.

Apr 19 Went a hunting and lay
in camp, weather cool
not stormy.

Apr 21 Lay in camp until noon
moved our camp into the
grove.

Apr 21 Thursday Mr Pick went to
Marion and engaged 85-
bushels of oats. I and some
of the boys shot at a
mark.

Apr 22 Friday in camp as usual
wrote sacks to carry rice
in and Sally Brown put
a curtain around tent
and raised it. In evening
strictly Friday. Warmed
through the land and
in occasional South through
the night with high
wind from the East.

Apr 23 Windy in morning, we turned
our tent $\frac{1}{4}$ point towards
S. agreeable day cold
throughout.

Apr 24. Seventh day. Lay in camp
a keeping it. Weather cold
and stormy throughout.

Apr 25 Sunday rather cold, had plenty
of music in the morning.

Apr 26 Born and Webster
and myself.

Apr 27 Monday weather pleasant-
rather cool. Mr Pick, went
to Marion I was cook.

Apr 28 Tuesday moved our cattle
but not our tents, Mr
Pick and Mr Palmer
washed I cooked, went
hunting. I wrote letter No
6 to my family.

Apr 29 Wednesday, Mr Pick went
to Marion this morning
to mail our letters. Weather
fair, 8⁰⁰ wind south east
pleasant all day.

Apr 30 Thunder showers in morning
pleasant. Through the day
thunder. through the night
again.

Apr 31 Help raise Mr Martin's
house, both dinner and tea
Shower, many but no rain
late in the evening.

May 1 Decamped at 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ a.m., traveled
8 $\frac{1}{2}$ m. over trail of Marias, crossed
Cedar river at Cedar Rapids
camped 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ m. west of Cedar Rapids
is a small little town
commenced by Alexander
L. Ely. Fine warm day, clear.

May 2 Decamped at 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ a.m., traveled
8 $\frac{1}{2}$ m. over a ~~rough~~ prairie
got set in a ~~rough~~ with
ten pairs of cattle out, had
to, ~~had to~~ ~~travel~~ and back
our load, some 20 rods
through the mud, rained,
hard in evening with
lightning and thunder.

May 3 Decamped 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ o'clock, traveled
say 12 miles over a rough
prairie. Got set once but
doubled team and
drew out. Camped 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M.
stiff breeze all day.

Brunch in L. E. Had. for
supper, good boiled rice
with sugar on it, and
a bumper cup of tea -
made our ts of Hazel
brush and a blanket
traveled all day, with
out passing a house
on the road.

May 4 Tuesday decamped at 1 $\frac{1}{4}$
o'clock A.M., traveled 8-
miles to Iowa river, just
as we got there the ferry
boat sunk and drowned
three persons, we turned
about, went down the
river to another ferry -
at Marengo, arrived at
about 10, some very
handsome bottom for
farms on Iowa river
could not cross for high
winds, a regular farm of

trains here waiting to ~~cross~~
write letter number
number 7 to my family
tringle - we camped on the
East bank of the Iowa
river.

May 8. Commenced crossing the
river at 1 1/2 o'clock ~~am~~. Got our
train all over at 10 oc. Some
very handsome land on the
West side of Iowa ~~near by~~.
Traveled out two miles and
stopped to bale our train on
grass, got some dinner,
rained a smart shower, we
traveled on 8 m farther and
camped. Ten miles in all.
Saw Palmites and ~~W. wood~~
Stopped 1/4 mile back. Wind
in S.E.

May 6. Decamped at 8 1/2 o'clock, traveled
10 m rained in morning.
Crossed 7 mile prairie, saw three
gray prairie wolves. crossed
bear creek, followed the bottom
4 or 5 miles. Rained hard in
afternoon.

May 7. Friday decamped at 7 o'clock
25 miles, traveled 19 miles from
Tabot's grove to Latimers grove
where we camped. 19 miles
of prairie, crossed bear creek
in prairie a stream without
any timber on it. In sight
of where we crossed, went in
it bathing. camped 6 1/4 ^{o'clock} ~~miles~~
had a letter in post office at
Tabot's grove. Bear Creek post office
Parson County 20 m N. of Iowa river

May 8 Seventh day. Decamped at 7 o'clock
45 minutes, traveled 15 miles
camped 3 o'clock 45 minutes
on a prairie. Stopped at noon.
made coffee and had dinner
crossed skunk river North
branch. 12 miles west of
Latimore grove. Counted
several emigrant teams
passed most of them
before camping.

May 9 Decamped at 7 o'clock, traveled
2 miles to Newton the
county seat of that county.
Then $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles on to skunk
river, crossed a large beautiful
flat adjoining the river,
arrived at 10 o'clock, crossed
our selves over in one hour
6 wagons, 64 head of cattle
1 horse, men women and
children, to the number
of 25. Thence through a

grove of one mile thence
to Mitchell's ^{eleven} ~~one~~ miles, 21
miles in all. Camped at
6 o'clock. weather fair
through the day.

May 10 Monday decamped 7 o'clock
traveled over about 6 miles
good prairie. Then traveled
through timber to 4 mile
creek, crossed $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles
timber $1\frac{1}{2}$ prairie to Desmoines
river, crossed the same and
passed through the
village of Fort Desmoines.
crossed Raccoon river on
the south side of the village
at the mouth. The two
ferries about 80 rods apart.
Went on out about a mile
to camp 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock. The
best part of Iowa that I
have seen yet is about
the Desmoines river valley.

I wrote letter number 8
to my family.

May 11 Decamped at 8 o'clock
sent back my letter to
Fort Des Moines postoffice
Traveled 15 miles took
in some wood and
camped on the prairie at
five o'clock. Traveled over
a beautiful country today
mostly prairie. Crossed
a small stream called
North branch. Crossed
North river a stream
4 rods wide. a good body
of timber on the West
side. It is now raining
a hard shower. Thunder
and lightning rattling
around. 7 1/2 oc. rain ran
under our tent, we made
our beds some on hazel bark
and some on ~~the~~ poles

May 12 Pleasant all day wind in
the South weather fair.
country mostly prairie.
but few sloughs. Passed
through Winterset the
county seat of Madison
County. 80 miles from Fort
Des Moines. Camped 2 miles
west of Winterset on a
nice prairie rained a very
little in evening and
considerable through the
night.

May 13 Decamped at 7 or 50 minutes
Traveled over a prairie country
28 ^{mi} without touching timber to
Malitawah, Adams County. This
village consists of two log
cabins. Here we crossed middle
river, and camped on the
West bank. Wind in South all
day, weather fine. Rained through
the night. Nothing very special

to note to day, except prairie
and emigrants, and their
paraphernalia.

May 14. Friday. Decamped at 6.50
o'clock. The hand cart
company led off ahead
crossed prairie all day and
camped at $4\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock on
prairie. Traveled some twenty
miles. Camped beside a
small creek called Marion

May 15. Saturday. Decamped at 6.45
o'clock. Traveled 14 miles to
Gambette's grove, on Godaway
Creek. Stopped for dinner
traveled on after dinner
some 7^{mi} and camped on
the prairie. For three or four
days back saw several dead
animals. Today saw two
graves close to the road

after dinner, one made one
made this spring supposed
to be emigrants

May 16. Sunday. Decamped at $7\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock
and camped at 4 o'clock. Stopped one and one fourth
hour at noon, traveled
8 miles to Fishrabortra creek
or Wheelings ford. Thence
to Indian tower $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles
crossed Indian creek, thence
 $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles to crooked creek.
thence two miles on the prairie
and camped. A trifle of
timber today

May 17. Monday. Decamped at $7\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock
traveled 8 miles to Mount Scott.
thence one mile crossed a
small creek, and stopped
for dinner. Thence to West
branch Fishrabortra creek
and camped one mile west

on the prairie at 5 o'clock. Weather pleasant, wind in N.W.

May 18 Tuesday. Did not get fairly started until 10 o'clock. Traveled 9 miles, to Silver Creek 5 miles thence one mile west to a spring run, and camped. Came past where there was an emigrant being buried. Weather cool but pleasant and windy. Hard frost in morning.

May 19 Wednesday. Cold in morning. Traveled ten miles and camped on the bottom of the Missouri River. Received letter from Amelia.

May 20 Thursday. Went to Hannibal to procure supplies for our journey. Two steamers came up last evening with

provisions and a steamer ferrying emigrants.

May 21. Went to Hannibal to get up. Rainy.

May 22. I went to Council Bluffs post office, thence to Hannibal. Teams went to Hannibal to look in supplies, thence three miles to the ferry, in all $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

May 23 Sunday. Our company of 9 wagons and 80 head of stock crossed over at one load on a steamer for \$65. Went out five miles beside of a lake and camped at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock. Did up our washing and some necessary work. We are now among the Omaha tribe of Indians.

May 24. Monday decamped at 9oc. traveled over a rolling prairie, say 15-20 scarcity of timber and water. Saw the ruins of the Mooson village where they wintered two winters and summered one summer after they left Harvoo and before they went to Salt Lake. and saw their burning ground of several hundred graves.

May 25. Decamped at 7oc traveled 20 1/2 m. Papalioo creek 8 m. thence 10 miles to Elk horn river, ^{saw} some emigrants graves at Papalioo creek, between there and Elk horn river, passed the grave of a sort of a brave so said and three small ones

one on each. 1 m before coming to Elk horn river Terry we saw Platte river from the table land. boord one y. of cattle over with a rope, ferried our wagon, went out 2 1/2 miles and camped.

May 26 Decamped at 7 o'clock and traveled some twenty miles came on to the Platte River 12 m at 1 o'clock. Camped on the Platte bottom

May 27 Decamped at 7oc traveled 7 miles came on to the Platte again, 8 miles farther to ^{the} ~~water~~ ^{the} herd in the Platte, thence 2 m to shell creek, crossed it 1 m and camped at 4oc clear hot weather. Saw one emigrant grave. died yesterday, hurried to day - organized our company at evening.

May 28 Decamped 7 1/2 oc traveled
13m came near the river and
a lake, watered our teams
broke in some dry willows
for wood, thence ~~on~~ camped
camped on the prairie, saw
antelope at a distance.
weather pleasant.

May 29 Decamped at 6 1/2 oc
traveled 6m to Loop Fork
ferry, crossed our wagons
and forded our own
went out on the prairie
3 1/2 m and camped at 10 oc
Paid \$8. a piece for ferrying
our wagons and left
most of the work ourselves.

May 30 Decamped at seven oc traveled
18 m camped on the prairie
stopped back three miles
and broke in wood, and
water. passed one small

when there had just buried
one man and digging him
up again to get his watch
out of his pocket, and another
man almost dead. Passed
one small fresh grave.
Weather pleasant.

May 31 Decamped at 10 oc traveled
some 18m. passed one
fresh grave made yesterday.
traveled all day on the
bottom of Loop Fork, and
camped on prairie.

June 1. Tuesday. Decamped at 8.35 oclock
Traveled 19 miles. Later part of
the day over rolling sandy prairie.
dry at that suffered considerable
our selves, also cattle. Camped
after sunset with out getting
a sight at wood scarcity of water
passed five fresh graves & a skeleton

June 2. Decamped at 5 oc. Traveled
two miles to get water. At
11 oc went forward to prairie creek.
3¹/₂ m no timber, thence 8 m to
a small creek in prairie no
timber, thence along the road
towards wood creek. Thence
to the left to the bank of
Platte river, to camp to
wash and repair up. Towards
night came up a heavy
thunder shower. Then another
in the evening came up another
such as one as is a thunder
shower. It blew very hard
took three of us to hold our
tent in its place. tore it
considerable. After it was over
we lay down in our wet blankets
on the ground all afloat
anxious and slept like pigs.

June 3 Thursday unloaded our
provisions to air and lay.

I intended tent &c done have not
got it done yet. Weather pleasant.
We are camped opposite Grand
Island in Platte river. It is said
to be one hundred miles long.
Yesterday passed two mesquite groves
and two made in 1849.

June 4 Friday washed and repaired. One
company with in sight buried
a boy some 10 years old.
Weather fine.

June 5 Saturday. Decamped at 7.20 oc
Traveled 8 m to wood river. It is
some 8 m. Traveled on to a point
of timber on the Platte some 15 m
from wood river. Took in water
and wood and went on one
mile to camp. Passed twelve new
groves to day.

June 6 Decamped at six oc. Traveled
20 m. in all. 19 m to deep river.

1st met to camp. Passed seven
new graves to day. Weather
fine and cool. Tonight camped
on a very pleasant place in
view of the Platte river. Saw
for the first time teams coming
up on the South side of the
Platte

June 7 Decamped at 7.28⁰⁰ traveled
22 miles to Elm creek, thence
5⁰⁰ to Buffalo creek, thence
8⁰⁰ to camp about one mile
from Platte river. Weather
pleasant, showers in morning
passed nine graves.

June 8 Tuesday. Decamped at seven
o'clock. Traveled all day along
Platte river, 16⁰⁰ camped at a
small long lake, on the left
with good springs along it
weather fine. Passed 7 graves
made this year. To day have

42 graves up
to this time

seen several teams returning.

June 9 Wednesday. Decamped 7.30⁰⁰
traveled 10 miles to Platte lake
thence 7⁰⁰ camped near the
Platte river. weather fine. Saw
three graves today.

June 10 Thursday, lay in camp, washed
waited on the sick. One young
woman died in Stockman's
camp by the name of Osterman
Finished letter No 10, sent it
out to Fort Laramie by agent.

June 11 Friday Decamped at 8.3⁰⁰
Traveled 5⁰⁰ to where the road
joins Platte river thence 9⁰⁰
miles west, to camp. Passed 9
graves. weather hot and pleasant
camped beside a small stream
with springs.

June 12. Lay in camp all day waiting for Rose Mills to get better so that we could move on.

June 13 Decamped at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ or traveled to Skunk river Ford, thence miles to ~~two~~ two large springs, 0 m to Metayers creek, 6 miles, thence 3 m to camp. Weather sultry hot. Platte river here is from 80 to 100 rods wide, but no depth to it, to apply to any useful purpose. The water is soily runs rapidly, quick sand bottom.

June 14 Decamped at 7 oc, traveled 4 m to wide creek, thence to Black Head creek, thence to grass creek, thence to North bluff creek, in all 23 miles. Weather cool rain at night.

June 15 Tuesday Decamped 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ oc Traveled in all 22 m most of the way heavy sand. Crossed many small creeks, formed probably by springs. Saw occasionally a buffalo, Wolf, here. The flat bottom on the Platte is quite narrow some places none. No timber. Raining in forenoon pleasant in afternoon.

June 16 Wednesday Decamped at 7 oc Traveled 18 m over a level road soft places in it, miserable country, fine weather.

June 17 Thursday Decamped at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ oc Traveled ten miles passed Horse creek, Matak creek, Loup river. Thence 8 m to ash hollow. Here is Blodgett's express station. Camped early on account of the

rain. Had a tremendous
hail storm in sight of
us. Sent letter number 10
to my family.

June 18. Decamped at 6.45 oc.
traveled three miles to Castle
river, thence on following
the river bottom. to camp
17 in in all. Met six men
from Oregon with twelve
packing mules. Weather fine.

June 19 Sunday. Decamped at 8.20 oc
traveled 20 m over rather a
barren country stopped
at — Bluffs river went
back among the bluffs
to get cedar wood. Went
on one mile and camped
Weather fine and hot. Some
alkali water through this
section of country considerable
of the substance on top of

the ground. Here they call
saturated. It looks near like
black salt a shade lighter
formed by the evaporation
of the water.

June 20 Sunday lay in camp through
the day, on account of a sick
man. Weather very hot.

June 21 Monday. Decamped at 6 1/2 oc
at noon we came near opposite
Court house Rock, on the opposite
side of the river, a large mass
of rock with the appearance
of a dome on top. Came in
sight of chimney rock, a
mass of soft-rocks washed
and decayed away, leaving
a thin mass, to appear
in shape of glass furnace
chimney. Traveled in all day
18 m. Yesterday saw 15 packers
from Oregon. 8 men (old date)

Two young ladies, two children, some twenty miles and ponies started for weather fine -

June 2. Tuesday. Decamped at 6:35 oc. Traveled 20 m passed. Passed Chimney Rock in forenoon camped between Chimney rock and Scotts Bluffs. Weather fine for traveling slow at evening.

June 23. Wednesday. Decamped at 6:40 oc. Passed Scotts bluffs forenoon, passed Spring creek camped on the bank of Platt River. Traveled in all 20 m. Weather cool and cloudy.

June 24. Thursday. Decamped at 6:15 oc. Traveled 24 miles, camped near the bank of the river where we began to build timber

and within 18 m of Fort Laramie.

June 25. Traveled 17 m to Fort Laramie. Camped on the opposite side of the river from the Fort.

June 26. Saturday. Went over to the Fort with letter, and to see some quite a pleasant place. Some 85 officers started after dinner up the Platt ten miles and camped near the foot of Black hills.

June 27. Sunday. Traveled 26 m among the black hills up and down rocks. Very little timber, yellow scrub pine and cedar. Camped at sunset near spring. Passed one spring in forenoon came to river at twelve. Weather fine.

June 28. Decamped at 7 1/2 a.m. traveled
three miles to a spring
some three miles more to
another. Thence on
to Platt river 10 a.m. 20 m
in all. Weather clear & warm.

June 29 Tuesday Decamped at 6 3/4 a.m.
Traveled up the Platt most
of the time, in afternoon
came out on to Level county.
Passed through the devil
fort and barracks, traveled
in all 20 m.

June 30. Wednesday Decamped at 6 1/2 a.m.
traveled 8 m struck the
river thence three miles
struck the sandy stone bluffs
in all shapes imaginable
& m through them. Thence 8 m
up the river to camp 18 m
in all.

July 1. Thursday lay at Moon set in
camp all day, cut off our wag-
gon, washed, weather warm
and clear. Felt very homesome
last night and today.

July 2 Friday. For breakfast we had
some antelope, presented by
Mrs. Burdfield some nice fried
bread, presented by cousin
P. H. with apple pie and a
good dish of coffee. Decamped
at 8 1/2 o'clock. Traveled 18 m
camped on Platt river bottom
had pancakes for supper. Fell
in good spirits.

July 3 Traveled 2 m.

July 4 Decamped at 6.40 a.m. Traveled
to the upper ferry, thence on 26 m
camped at a clear springy
creek 1/2 hour after sunset.
had some about lakes.

and springs. Passed avenue
rock a high ridge of rocks
on inside of road - 80 m
in all. Weather clear and
windy. Left Platt river at
the ferry for good.

July 5 Decamped at 12 noon
traveled thirteen miles
passed willow springs and
several creeks.

July 6 Tuesday. Decamped at 8 oc
traveled 11 m to Independence
rock - at 1 1/2 oc. P.M. - Caught
a mule today went out
Weather fine.

July 7 Wednesday Decamped at
10 oc. traveled 1 m to the first
ford. 5 m to Devil's gate
1 m to snake creek and to
sage creek. 22 m in all -
Cool weather rain at noon.

July 8 Thursday Decamped at 7 oc
Weather fine and cool. Came
across B. Powers.

July 9 Friday traveled 2 m and camped
Crossed sweet water 8 times
Sweet water is a stream heading
in the Rocky mountains
passing down in a narrow
valley between two rocky ranges
rocks some 4 or 5 hundred
feet high in places. Valley
from about six miles wide
river bottom narrow.

July 10 Traveled in all 21 m and
camped on the bank of the
sweet water. Forded 8 m
from starting point. There
16 m with out water other
than alkali water. Saw
from 10 to 30 dead cattle
per day and a barren looking
country along here. Weather fine

July 1 Sunday Decamped at six o'clock
crossed the river, crossed one creek
 $\frac{1}{2}$ or farther. Ascended a long
hill, and descended the same
crossed the river twice again
then on to camp. 8 m in all.
Camped 10 o'clock. drove our
cattle back three miles to
feed. Weather fine. We are
now in the Snake
Indian country.

July 12 Monday. Decamped at 7 o'clock
traveled over a rough rocky
road most of the forenoon
crossed several small creeks.
Camped off the road on
the sweet water course.
passed by a snow bank. been
traveling in sight of snow
capped mountains, some
three days, weather fine.

July 13 Decamped at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock traveled
6 m. to ford number 9, sweet water.
thence 10 m to the summit of
the Rocky mountains. thence
3 m to Pacific springs, thence
to the crossing of Pacific creek.
2 m. 21 m in all. at the ford
of sweet water we got snow
and melted to make tea for
dinner. I rode my mule
over a bank of snow & rode
long & rode wide. Weather
pleasant shower at noon.

July 14 Wednesday. Decamped at 7 o'clock
Saw this morning an elk with
an Indian after him on
horse back. Traveled 21 m camped
off of road on little sandy
river. Battered with sore
thumb.

July 15 Thursday. Decamped 6³⁰ AM
crossed Little Sandy there
to big sandy m. 18 m in all
Barked at 1000 and lay over
Weather hot my self rather
under the weather.

July 16 Friday. I don't feel keen
We are now on water that
helps to form the Colorado
river, and empties into
the gulf of California
Decamped at 10⁰⁰ traveled
17 m and camped on big sandy
again. Weather fine. Met several
packers from California

July 17 Saturday. Decamped at 7 AM traveled
18 m across green river. finished
our 16 wagons, and saw some old
cattle. 5 dollars apiece for wagon
weather fine.

Sent letter Sunday
12 to my family

July 18 Traveled 16 m hard and
rain at noon.

July 19 Monday Decamped at 7⁰⁰
traveled 18 m camped at Harris
Creek. Weather cool and clear
road very rolling This afternoon
came on to Sublette and off
8 m back.

July 20 Tuesday. Traveled 11 m to Harris
fork found this a stream
some two rods wide. Passed
a very high hard steep hill
had to descend, crossed the stream
ascended another mountain
and camped 6 m from creek.
weather fine.

July 21 Wednesday Decamped at 7⁰⁰
o'clock. traveled 21 m a bad hilly
road. Camped on Smith's
forks in Bear river valley
Weather fine.

July 22 Thursday Decamped at 10^{am}
traveled 8^{am} camped and
~~traveled~~ on the bank of Bear
river weather fine

July 23 Lay in camp to day. Washed
4th weather fine.

July 24 Saturday lay in camp
fine weather.

July 25 Lay in camp to day.
Weather fine.

July 26 Decamped at 7^{am} and crossed
Thomas Fork, on a bridge.
Passed some very mountains
along rough road. Camped
on Bear river. Traveled in
all day. Weather fine and
hot.

July 27 Tuesday Decamped at 7^{am}
traveled 17^{am} crossed many
small streams of good water.
Weather fine. Camped on Indian
creek.

July 28 Wednesday. Traveled 21^{am} passed
soda springs. Camped on
Bear river.

July 29 Thursday Traveled 6^{am} to the
junction of Foot Hall and
California road thence to
the Fort 16^{am} 8^{am} in fine all
hot and dusty. Have been in
sight of snow drifts on the
side of the mountains for
three weeks. See occasionally
wagon icons of all kinds
log chains and small chains
of yoke wood. Wagon wood
generally burned up.

July 30 Friday. Traveled 20 m passed
the passed the height of
ground. between salt lake
and snake river. Some
very fine mountain streams
and springs. Turk at was
sick. At night showers
in afternoon warm
pleasant.

July 31 Saturday traveled some
10 m and laid up. Turk
worse. lay down and died
soon after ^{we} camped.
Two or three smart showers
in afternoon.

Aug 1 camped at one o'clock
P.M. traveled some 10 m.
camped between two small
creeks in sight of Fort
Hall. Weather pleasant
with showers.

Aug 2 Monday passed Fort Hall
crossed several small streams
and Port Humphrey river - traveled
18 m in all. 3 m beyond Humph
river. Weather fine.

Aug 3 Tuesday. Traveled 17 m, camped
on snake river, 2 m below
the American falls. Weather
fine roads dusty.

Aug 4 Wednesday. Decamped at
10 a. Traveled 15 m weather
fine with showers. Camped
on snake river, 2 m west
of cascade creek at 4 3/4 o'clock.

Aug 5 Traveled to Raft creek, from
there to bulrush springs, in
all 26 m rocky barren country
covered with sage.

Aug 6 From Bulbush springs
traveled 8 m to the crossing
of Bulbush creek. at noon.
Camped on snake river
at night traveled in all
14 m.

Aug 7 Saturday traveled 16 m
Camped on snake river
weather fine.

Aug 8 Sunday lay by in camp.

Aug 9 Monday traveled 18 m
camped at, camped at a spring
on dry creek. Weather clear and
warm, road very dusty.

Aug 10 Tuesday traveled 18 m camped
on Rock creek. Weather hot -
dusty. Turned our cattle into
the canon of the creek. Willow
and grass in canon, at the
myself I feel rather fine.

and weary. Make me think
of home and my dearest.

Aug 12 Thursday. My mind is not at
ease. 12 M come to snake river
one thousand feet down to
water. camped for the day. One
man sick in company.

Aug 13 Friday My mind is not content
yet. Traveled 11 m camped on snake
river. Very rapid here. weather
hot. A stone Indian on the
opposite bank.

Aug 14 Lay over on account of Webster
Crandall's wife being sick. Weather
very hot.

Aug 15 Traveled 8 1/2 m Camped on
Salmon creek. Weather very hot.

Aug 16 Monday Traveled 9 m crossed
salmon creek. Camped on

Here 8000 Webster
was buried

the dozen cascade springs
coming out of the rocks on
the opposite side ^{of the} river, stopped
at — falls at noon and
crossed the river in our
wagons bore and towed our
horses and cattle across.
Weather fine.

Aug 17 Tuesday Worked all day crossing
our selves over, until in the
evening Bought some excellent
suberon of the Tordeans had
an excellent dinner.

Aug 18. I went on 25-m to hunt for
Tiger, found him and sold
him. Came back 15-m and
lay in the sage all night.

Aug 19 Went back ten miles to the
river to find my camp. my
thun started and traveled 10-m
Camped on rocky banks

a stream of curiosity. Below
the crossing it passes through
a rocky chasm seventy five
feet in places, some places
over rocky beds, some places
under the rocks out of sight.
Rocks worn in many curious
shapes.

Aug 20 Traveled on over a rocky road
in places through sage brush.
15-m to grass creek. Weather some
cooler night quite cool.

Aug 21 Lay over, Jane Grindall
died at 7 1/2 o'clock. Buried
between sunset and dark.

Aug 22 Traveled 20-m weather warm
Camped on wood creek.

Aug 23 Traveled 17-m ^{over} ~~the~~ a strong
tortuous dry road. Weather hot
dusty.

Aug 24 Tuesday Traveled 20 m camped
on barren creek. Passed some
hot springs, so hot that it would
scald in a second.

Aug 25 Wednesday Traveled 12 m over
a stony road to Bartholomew creek.
Camped at noon and lay over.

Aug 26 Thursday Traveled 15 m and
camped at a spring. Weather
hot, rolling smooth road,
not much sage.

Aug 27 Friday Traveled 14 1/2 m smooth
rolling road. Sir William enjoyed
himself very well to day.
fine weather.

Aug 28 Saturday Fine weather and
enjoy myself pretty well.
Traveled 17 m over a good road.
Camped early on Boise river on
account of cousin Phibis ill health.

Aug 29 Sunday Traveled 16 m over a good
road, Camped on Boise river
bottom weather fine.

Aug 30 Monday Traveled 19 m over a
mildling good road. Forded Boise
river. I felt mildling well some
fatigued.

Aug 31 Tuesday Traveled 16 m to Fort Boise.
Ful had very dissatisfactory
weather fine, a plenty of salmon
and salmon trout in Boise
river, which we purchase of
the Indians. With powder
and cape or clothes. Fort Boise
is an old French trading
Post Adoba. Very little business
done there now, situated on
the north side of snake
river and one mile below
the mouth of Boise river.
at the ford.

Sep 1 crossed snake river on
wagon boxes. Forded our cattle
Went to Ogallala for food
on. Weather fine I am
quite fatigued

Sep 2. Traveled 28 1/2 m camped on Birch creek. Warm days cool
nights. I feel middling well
only weak, have some ^{some}ague symptoms.

Sep 3. Friday traveled 15 m, camped on
Burnt river. This is a high
looking country. here, broken
rocky, mountainous. Good water.
I am on the gain.

Saturday -
Seps 4 Traveled 14 m up and down
over, through, and under. In the
water and out of the water. Between
hills and a straddle of dunes
a curious days travel. I assure
you better than all. I feel pretty
good. We are among the burnt

river bluffs, some of them from
4 to 6 hundred feet high, almost
straight up and a little leaning
over, going on with good courage -
So Saturday good bye.

Sep 5 Sunday traveled 19 m crossing ^{at} several
small springs, none coming
to burnt river, following it some
three miles, crossing a branch com-
ing, to another, following it and
crossing it twice, coming near a
steep bluff which the road ^{seems} to be
a spring branch to the right as
you ascend the hill.

Sep 6 Traveled 19 m over a pretty good
road. Camped on Burnt river
sloughs.

Sep 7 Tuesday traveled 23 m over a good
road. ~~Some~~ powder river. Rivers
here would be but creeks in
Wisconsin. Camped at The West

ends of a valley or a spring run
Begin to come in reach of pine
timber on the mountains. My
health is good.

Sep 8 Wednesday. Traveled 10^{mi} camped
on Grand ~~Road~~ valley. feel
nothing well.

Sep 9 Traveled 8^{mi} across Grand Road ~~Sep 12~~
valley, a very nice vale some
15 by 20^{mi} square, with streams
of water running through it.
surrounded by mountains
Camped on the west side of the
valley or spring ranch. Feel in
pretty good spirits.

Sep 10 Traveled 18^{mi} camped in the
pines. Very rough hilly road
part of the way. Crossed Grand
Road river, came down a very
steep hill, before crossing, it
is ~~now~~ pine here, some with

and
tall, straight. My mind is ~~and~~
~~now~~.

Sep 11 Saturday traveled 17^{mi} on a stony
road, through pine timber. Camped
in the pines, on a creek with pools
of water in it, at 8^o evening
feel pretty well.

Sunday. Can't find my mule
yet. Team have gone on. I feel
very miserable. Not much of it
on account of the mule. ~~in evening~~
11^o A M. Friend boats has come
in with my mule. 1^o P M which
raises my courage a little at
15 minutes past 3 Friend Weston
came in from looking after horse.
3 1/2^o started on after train. Came
up to it about dark and camped.
Traveled about 15^{mi} and camped
on Umatilla River. Came near
river bottom, a spring under
the bank.

Sep 13 Traveled 7m in all. Felt bad in morning, better at night. Have a little ague hanging around me. Polly cow has heard of her husband ahead, alas, P. B. Brandt. I have an ague chill this evening.

Sep 14 Tuesday traveled 18½m camped on prairie high and dry. My health is on the gain.

Sep 15 Wednesday traveled 17m camped on Unmatilla river at Indian Agency.

Sep 16 Thursday traveled 18m. Camped on a small creek. I feel middling well but weak.

Sep 17 Traveled 20m camped at valley springs. My health is rather poor.

Sep 18 Saturday Traveled 15m camped on Willow creek. I feel pretty comfortable.

Sep 19 Sunday traveled 9m camped on prairie, low camp.

Sep 20 Monday. Traveled 13½m in all camped on John Doy's at the upper camp, my self improving. This is only a branch of John Doy's river.

Sep 21 Tuesday traveled 5m to the crossing of the river, thence 1m down the river to where we leave the river.

Sep 22 Wednesday Traveled 15m camped on a ravine at a spring.

Sep 23 Traveled 10m camped at a spring.

Sep 24 Friday traveled 18m. camped by a small spring 5m from the river.

Sep 25 Saturday Traveled 7½m over a tremendous road. Crossed Deschutes river. Ascended and descended some tremendous hills in the time, swam our cattle and ferried our wagons over the Deschutes River.

Sep 26 Sunday traveled 10 1/2 m. Camped on a small stream. Crossed Indian creek, passed through their village. I feel midday well some weak.

Sep 27 Monday Traveled 9 1/2 m. camped at Barlow gate, at the foot of the mountain. This is toll gate owned by a company ~~and~~ ~~by a company~~ chartered by the Legislature of Oregon. That has worked the road over the mountains my health is improving.

Sep 28 Tuesday Lay by at Barlow gate. I feel midday in health but this is still an undesirable country if land.

Sep 29 Wednesday started into the mountains. Went some 18 m. Camped on Deschutes creek.

Sep 30 Traveled some 18 m. Rained all day and all night and

so it did yesterday, a part of this day and all night. I am now sick.

Oct 1 Friday Traveled some 18 m. on the summit. I still am sick.

Oct 2 Saturday traveled 18 m. I am sick yet. I left my cow so weak from the effects of the storm, that she could not go.

Oct 3 Sunday. Traveled 18 m. I am some sick yet but rather on the gain.

Oct 4 Monday met Clark coming back with supplies. Traveled 18 m. I am on the gain.

Oct 5 Some of us took horse and mules and made a rush for the settlement about 22 m. got in, in good season. The new house looked pleasant.

We went to Mr. Glover's to stay
over night. It was very warm
to sit on a chair, and eat at
a table, also to pull off my
pants and sleep in bed, of
which, I had ~~had~~ done neither
for more than six months.

The country here is altered
in appearance. We came
out at a fine orchard the
first thing and fine handsome
land.

Oct-6 Wednesday came on to Mr.
Gawwage, 8 m. and Thomas
Boone. there stayed till next
morning.

Oct-7 Thursday went to Oregon City
to get news, some 18 m. from
2 letters and 2 papers from
Aurelia. Stayed over night
there.

Oct 8
Wrote letter No
13 to Aurelia

Friday wrote a letter and sent
it to Aurelia. Saw Charles Lubow
of Janesville, and my friend
J. W. Preston. Started up country
stayed one Molalla, then
at Mr. Gordens over night.

Oct 9 Saturday - Went up the valley
to Mr. Boone, one of Mr. Boone
neighbors. T. L. Boone and ally
and little girl, and P. B. ran to
come on to Mr. Boone's this
evening.

Oct 10 Sunday - All hands went over
to Mr. Boone. This team arrived
in evening with the rest of the
fibre. Daniel Stone of Fulton
Wisconsin came here this
evening. His camp is about 2 m.
off. Have been here about
10 days.

Oct 11 Sent letter No 14 to Oregon City to
E. C. Larned.

Nov 8 Sent letter No 15 to my family, by friend Barger and received one from my family on Thursday 4th of Nov.

Nov 6 Received a letter from friend Hemphill, dated at Volcano California.

Nov 15 Sent letter No 16 to Salem to go to my wife, and to friend Hemphill in California.

Dec 4 Sent to Salem letter No 17 to go to my wife.

Jan 3rd 1858. Carried letter No 18 to go to my family.

Jan 13 Sent letter No 19 to my wife to Montgomery

Jan 16 Sent a letter to Salem by E. H. Bell to go to Joseph.

Jan 23 Received a letter from Hemphill.

Feb 8 sent letter No 20 to Parkersville post office - to go to my family.

Feb 17 Got at Salem a letter from my wife.

Feb 20 Sent letter No 21 down to my wife, to go to Fulton and to go to Hemphill.

Feb 26 Received letter No 12 from my wife, brought from Salem by W. G. Barger.

Mar 2. Sent a letter No 22 to Parkersville post office to go to my wife, by E. H. Bell.

Mar 18 '1853.

Started from Silver creek
Marion Co. O.T. for Fulton
Rock County Wisconsin.
Traveled some 28-m stayed
at Mrs Ampric's.

Mar 19 Went to Oregon City
thence got down to
Portland in evening in
a shift-rigged steamer

Mar 20 Stayed in Portland.

Mar 21 Came up to Oregon City
thence up to The Malahy
stayed at Writs all night

Mar 22 Came up to Silver creek
at Boons.

Mar 23 Wednesday. Started enroute
for home again. Rained
all day but I went down

and kiting at one house near
I brought up in Oregon City
about thirty miles there. I
stayed at Henry's till 1st and
until Apr 1st at noon
from thence to Portland
same day.

Apr 2 Left Portland enroute for
San Francisco, ~~went down~~
went down to the Columbia
thence up to Fort Vancouver
thence down to St. Helens, thence
down to the mouth of the
Cowlitz, where we landed and
took in sixteen hundred
bushels of potatoes, off of
a liter, they come down the
Cowlitz, thence on to Astoria
for the night.

Apr 3 At 5 oc A M a M. hoveled mch
and put to sea. Some rough,
but not bad, so it continues

thats and the two successive days. The wind was fair and we had all sail hoisted and steam on.

Apr 5 - In evening very foggy. Cast anchor and lay out before the bay of San Francisco,

Apr 6. In morning, came in to the City. At 5 or 6 P.M. started for Sacramento on a steamer.

Apr 7 & 8 A.M. got to Sacramento after breakfast. I went to Mokelumne hill in 2 days. It is a perfect sea of flowers between Sacramento and Mokelumne river and some very fine farming land.

Apr 12 Took the stage at Mokelumne Hill and went to Stockton. About 20 min too late for the San Francisco boat.

Apr 13. Took a boat and came to San Francisco. Passed through immense tidal rapids.

Apr 14 Went aboard of the rotter montana, at evening. She started out a mile or so then held up, the lieutenant what for, I don't. We circled around several times and then cast anchor.

Apr 17 Sunday. She shipped her anchor and put to sea. It is pretty rough. Most all sea sick.

Apr 24 Still we are plowing
along through the deep
green sea. Have had good
time since the first day.
But oh time, how slow thou
fliest; when I am so far
away from those I love
so dear. When I get with
those loved ones, then thou
mayest fly as slow as
thou pleasest. There is
not much to arrest the
attention.

Apr 25 Monday. I have seen
one whale, and occasionally
see some porpoises or
black fish, and flying
fish. Today there had
been more scenery.
We passed two steamers
two such floating masses
moving swiftly in opposite
directions. It really

covered with human beings.
Some going to the ~~states~~
of gold, and some ~~round~~
for their little paradise
in the states (as I say) and
as they passed such cheering
and waving of hats and
handkerchiefs, you scarcely
ever see. It caused a little
excitement. Just as the
stem of the Panama passed
the bow of the Brother ^{and} ~~plumed~~
our boats let go her gun
which made things snap
for my part I don't
feel very well. Don't enjoy
myself much.
All the comfort I take is in
anticipation of seeing those
I love most dearly.

Apr 29 To day we had some sport with fish. The porpoise were very fresh a little while. We went in San Juan about sunset went to the American Hotel. slept on the dining table. The land crabs are very thick. The floor in the dining room appeared to be covered with them when

Apr 30. Saturday went overland on mules, to Virgin Bay. At 11:00 PM started out on the steamer to cross Lake Nicaragua. Got across next morning 6:00 AM here is the City of Carlos. From San Juan del Sud to Virgin Bay is 12 m and a good

road. We saw. Banana bananas, Coromys, coconut trees and many others with fruit on them. From Virgin Bay across the lake Nicaragua to San Carlos is sixty miles. In this lake are two volcanic mountains at San Carlos we enter the Nicaragua river. We follow it down 20 m in to Castillon Falls. Here we shift boats again and go down 12 m. Shift boats again and go 75 m to the mouth of the river where it empties into the ocean at San Juan del Sur or Graytown. Here we take the ocean steamer. We stayed on the river one night. 12 m below Castillon Falls

May 2. Monday. Got to San Juan at 5:00 P.M.

May 3. Tuesday here we are sweating away the day in Graytown waiting for the Steamer, to get ready to take us on board. I am very impatient. At 5:00 P.M. went on board near to us lay a man of war, grinning terribly.

May 4. Wednesday at 5:00 A.M. left our anchorage and put to sea. Do not feel very well to day.

May 5. Thursday. Fine weather I feel very miserable a very bad head ache.

May 6. Friday. Fine weather I feel a great deal better.

May 7. Saturday. Last night we passed the west-end of the Isle of Cuba. Today the Island is in sight. Weather fine a fresh breeze ahead.

May 8. Sunday. This morning I feel pretty well in health. There is a smart breeze blowing quartering against us. Some by sail. The Engine keeps on - keeping on don't appear to get tired or care for wind or weather. Blow on gentle breezes, on waft the weary impatient traveler to his sweet home.

May 9. Monday. My health is good, but I feel very impatient. There is a smart breeze in our favor. The sails are all set. The old ship goes clearing and howling.

through the foaming
deep. Amen.

Well we have made a
tremendous run for
the last 24 hours up to
today noon 824 mi. Well
go it. What a contrast
there is among people.

Here are a good, honest
thorough going citizens
from all parts, from
them down to the ~~poor~~
All kinds of vices, some
shared equally, there with
whiskers of all possible
shapes, that can be made
by cutting. Others in
natural shape. Some huge
moustaches, that almost
cover their mouths entirely,
some with none. Some
begging their way. What
causes all this trouble
trial and privation

and misery? Why it is
the hankering after the
yellow dust, for the most
part. How came I here?

It must have been some
uncommon circumstance
to have taken me away
from my beloved family.
Am I ever likely to get
pay for it? If I should
go back to Oregon I think
I could in dollars and
cents, but the loss of the
company of my family
for one year and over
~~and~~ can never be repaid.
but a man must live and
learn. Well Goodrich, we
think you have, ~~stayed~~
long enough, so here we
are on the old Promethus
towards home.

May 10. Tuesday. The weather is fine. The sea is a little rough. Last night we had a heavy river shower. It lightened very sharp and fast and blew like Julew. But the wind was quivering aft and I said, let it blow. It is blowing me towards home, and so I scratched down off the hurricane deck and took shelter between decks until the shower was over. With in one week I shall be at home, with ordinary luck, then happy shall I be.

May 11. Wednesday. 10 P. M.
Well last night we had another heavy shower with heavy wind.

about midnight or a little before as we were passing Cape Batteras or some other stormy place it commenced. ~~It drove~~ It drove me down off the hurricane deck. After the rain was over I came on deck. It kept up lighting for a long time. It kept a continual flash. It dazzled my eyes and almost blinded me. It looked terrific on the black rough sea. However I rolled up in my blanket and went to sleep until the cold, piercing winds woke me, and kept me awake and went below again. until daylight. Today it is pleasant but cool. I heard our mate

say we would be in
New York City tomorrow
at 8 o' clock, which causes
my courage to rise.
I feel pretty well

May 12. Thursday. Came up
the bay in to New York
City, and a fine prospect
it. Got in to port at 8 o'clock
Here we looked around.
Some went to the Grand
Palace and to the Bronx
Reservoir. Bought a ticket
on the express train for
Chicago and started
at 6 o'clock P.M. I feel pretty
comfortable only I have
eaten almost too much.

May 13 Rode all night with
out sleeping. Today we are
whirling along at the rate
of one mile in, one minute

and thirty seconds. The old
Empire is snorting and
charging but none too fast
for me

May 14 Saturday. This morning
we are in Toledo, waiting for
the cars to start at 8 o'clock.
We arrived in Chicago at
7 1/2 o'clock P.M.

May 15 At 8 o'clock left on the Great
Gate for Milwaukee. The
wind blew hard, but
Michigan Lake don't seem
how to get up a swell.
Arrived at Kenosha at 11 1/2
A.M. Landed partially on
top of the Pier. After 3/4 of
an hour work we swung
off into the lake, with some
to but could not get a hold
that would hang, but
tried it a third time and
succeeded. Landed the

mail and passengers,
and tied loose, leaving
the freight on board.
Got into Milwaukee at
000 put up at the
Milwaukee house.

May 16. Took the cars for
Milwaukee at 700 arrived
at 1000 A. M. Heard of
my sons death. Went
immediately home
arriving at 100 P. M.